



## **Kansas Immunization Program Criteria of Classification of Children Who Moved or Went Elsewhere (MOGE)**

To standardize assessments in all counties and across all providers in the State, the Kansas Immunization Program has developed a list of criteria for the “moved or gone elsewhere” (MOGE) category. Before a child is categorized as MOGE, *one or more* of the following criteria need to be met:

1. A request had been made to transfer the child’s immunization records to another vaccine provider.
2. A mailed reminder has been returned indicating the child had moved and left no forwarding address.
3. The provider has been notified by a family, neighbor, employer, school, day care, Head Start program, WIC program, or post office that the child moved out of the county.
4. A home visit was made and the child no longer resides at that location and there is no forwarding address, or the forwarding address indicates that the child moved out of county.

Unanswered telephone calls or a non-returned reminder card **does not** indicate the child has moved or gone elsewhere. Only when one or more of the four criteria noted above is met is the child eligible for MOGE.

The Kansas Immunization Program encourages providers to be proactive in determining the immunization status of the children in their practice. The first step in this process is to determine the vaccination status of each child. This may be done through Web IZ, a tickler reminder system, electronic medical record, or other internal reporting mechanisms. Second the children who are late or coming due for vaccinations may be sent a reminder of needed vaccinations. Some providers send reminder cards, others telephone, some use auto-dialers that call the client. These processes have been shown to improve the return rate for immunizations of the children in the practice.

It is important to document in the child’s record when they are categorized as MOGE. A note documenting the card was returned for “no forwarding address,” is adequate. The returned card need not be kept on file.

Tracking children who need vaccinations is the primary goal of any reminder or recall process. Identifying and classifying the children who are no longer in the practice will allow for a more accurate estimate of the immunization coverage rate in the clinic and across the state.

Please contact the Kansas Immunization Program with any questions. Thank you for your participation in the VFC program so that all our children may be protected from vaccine-preventable diseases.